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SUBJECT: LOS: US ENVIRONMENTAL PROPOSALS

REF: GENEVA 6103

1. UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM MADE POINTS LISTED IN PARA 5
REFTEL TO BRITISH AMBASSADOR JAY ON APRIL 25, IN ADDITION

TO POINTS LISTED IN PARA 5 BELOW.

2. TALKING POINTS PAPER WAS GIVEN TO BRITISH AMBASSADOR ALONG WITH COPY OF VERSION OF US ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE REPORT AS CABLED IN GENEVA 6119. DEPUTY SECRETARY INTENDS TO REINFORCE DEMARCHE WITH BRITISH AMBASSADOR AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY.

3. FOR LONDON: REQUEST AMBASSADOR MAKE PARALLEL DEMARCHE AT HIGH LEVEL DRAWING ON POINTS FROM PARA 5 GENEVA 6103 AND ADDITIONAL POINTS CONTAINED PARA 5 BELOW.

4. FOR OTHER ACTION EMBASSIES: REQUEST APPROPRIATE HIGH LEVEL DEMARCHES BE MADE IN CAPITALS DRAWING ON PARA 5 GENEVA 6103, AMENDED AS APPROPRIATE (WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO FIRST, FIFTH, SIXTH, EIGHTH AND NINTH POINTS).

5. FOLLOWING ARE ADDITIONAL POINTS MADE HERE TO BRITISH AMBASSADOR:

--A. A LOS TREATY IS IMPORTANT TO BOTH THE US AND UK FROM A GLOBAL POINT OF VIEW.

--B. A TREATY IS SIGNIFICANT FOR THE SOLUTIONS IT WILL BRING TO PROBLEMS OTHERWISE ARISING FOR HIGH SEAS NAVIGATIONAL FREEDOMS IN THE FACE OF CREEPING JURISDICTION.
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--C. TALK OF UNILATERAL LEGISLATION OR A MINI-TREATY ASIDE, A TREATY IS PROBABLY NEEDED IF DEEP SEABED MINING BY US AND UK FIRMS IS TO GO FORWARD, SINCE LEGISLATION OR A MINI-TREATY MIGHT IN THE END NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT SECURITY FOR INVESTORS.

--D. GIVEN THE PRESENT SENATE ALIGNMENT, IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT A TREATY CONTAINING THE PRESENT ENVIRONMENTAL TEXT WOULD NOT GAIN SENATE APPROVAL.

--E. THIS IS NOT SIMPLY A QUESTION OF OPPOSITION FROM SENATOR MUSKIE AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTALLY ORIENTED SENATORS. AN LOS TREATY SENATE DEBATE COULD BE COMPARED TO THE DEBATE OVER THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY. IT COULD WELL BE MORE DIFFICULT, WITH SEVERAL SENATORS DRAGGING THEIR FEET. WITHOUT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL TEXT, ONLY THE PENTAGON MAY LOBBY HARD FOR A TREATY, AND THIS WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH.

--F. WE BADLY NEED BRITISH COOPERATION ON BOTH THE RE-TENTION OF FAVORABLE NAVIGATIONAL PROVISIONS AND IM-

PROVEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROVISIONS.

--G. THE US HAS BEEN SUPPORTING THE IRISH FORMULA FOR DEFINING THE OUTER LIMITS OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF. WE ARE DOING SO NOT BECAUSE IT SERVES OUR NATIONAL INTEREST IN ANY WAY BUT RATHER BECAUSE IT IS AN ISSUE OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO THE UK. MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IS OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE TO THE US.

5. PLEASE REPORT RESULTS OF DEMARCHES TO DEPARTMENT AND GENEVA, WITH INFO TO OTHER ADDRESSEES OF THIS MESSAGE.

6. FOR MOSCOW: SEPTTEL FOLLOWS WITH EXACT TEXT OF TALKING POINTS PREPARED FOR CONTEMPLATED DEMARCHE HERE WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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